



17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037

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LIBRARY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

AFTER ACTION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

Morgan Hill Civic Center
17555 Peak Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Chair
Vice-Chair

Kathleen Stanaway
Jeanne Gregg

Member
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Member

Charles Dillmann
Charles Cameron
Kathleen Keeshen
George Nale
Mary Ellen Salzano
Einar Anderson
John Boyne

7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stanaway

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Vice Chair Gregg - Absent
Commissioner Cameron - Absent

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Led by Chair Stanaway

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORTS:

1. COUNTY LIBRARY REPORT
Legislation-Funding and Budgeting-
Joint Powers Authority

County Librarian Susan Fuller

Council Member Steve Tate

County Librarian Fuller reported the State cuts in funding to the County Library System will be approximately \$400,000. The County System was prepared for a such a reduction in funding from the State and will be able to absorb the budget cut. Ms. Fuller stated that the Board of Supervisors approved a budget increase for technology for the County Library System and that issue would be discussed at the next JPA meeting in October.

Council Member Tate reported the JPA meeting will be held in October. The special meeting called to adopt an adjustment in the budget for technology was postponed. Dan Furtado of the County of Santa Clara will attend the next JPA meeting and will provide information on the process to recruit and hire a new County Librarian upon Susan Fuller's retirement. Council Member Tate also reported the City/School Liaison Committee comprised of the City of Morgan Hill and the School District discussed how the City and School District could work together to provide library services at the new high school.

Commissioner Keeshen asked who will act as County Librarian until a successor is hired. County Librarian Fuller responded that Deputy County Librarian Julie Farnsworth will be acting as County Librarian. Commissioner Keeshen thanked County Librarian Fuller for her work and contributions to our libraries and stated it was fortunate that the library system had reaped many benefits from the leadership of County Librarian Fuller.

2. MORGAN HILL LIBRARY REPORT
_____ User Statistics-Staffing-Programs-Upcoming Events

Community Librarian Sarah Flowers

_____ County Librarian Fuller stated that Sarah Flowers was on vacation and would report to the Library Commission on School District demographics next month.

3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Members Cameron and Dillmann

Commissioner Dillman shared a new legislative alert that was released on September 9 regarding LSTA. Commissioner Boyne asked what the process was if the Library Commission wished to advocate either in support of or against state or federal legislation, if the item was not on the agenda. Recreation Manager Spier suggested that City staff seek the opinion of the City Attorney and stated that the Library Commission can not act upon anything that is not on the agenda due to the Brown Act. City staff will research the question and return to the Library Commission with an answer.

County Librarian Fuller provided an explanation of LSTA and the demonstration grant awarded to the County Library for staff education.

4. SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

**Members Dillman, Anderson, Boyne and
Nale**

Commissioner Dillman reported the Sister City Committee is proceeding with formalizing the relationship with San Casciano, Italy. Mayor Kennedy will travel to San Casciano on October 19. The City of Morgan Hill is looking to a city in Mexico as another Sister City. The City of Morgan Hill might have three or four Sister Cities by the time the new library is completed. County Librarian Fuller suggested the committee contact the Cupertino Library, which has a relationship with a city in Taiwan. The Cupertino library exchanges children's writings and drawings with its Sister City. Commissioner Anderson stated that Saratoga has a strong relationship with a Sister City in Japan.

BUSINESS:

5. ADVOCACY FOR AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION

Recommended Action: Library Commission to consider contacting our U.S. Senators to advocate for the position of the American Library Association on two pieces of legislation:

1. S2395 - Anti-Counterfeiting Amendments of 2002 (Biden)
2. Database Protection (potential legislation)

County Librarian Fuller provided a synopsis of the legislation with an explanation that public libraries are watching the movements of private industry to regulate access to materials. She explained legislation as now written would infringe upon the fair use and access to the materials acquired by public libraries, by requiring that libraries charge to each use. She stated Dan Gillmore, a columnist for the San Jose Mercury has written many articles regarding this issue. His articles contain background information and provide a good overview of the effects of the legislation. Commissioner Boyne asked if the Commission was ready to take a position on this legislation. The question of whether the Commission could write its own letter in favor of or against legislation was raised again. Recreation Manager Spier stated that City staff will research with question and respond to the Commission. Commissioner Boyne suggested that a library professional familiar with the issue compose a letter on behalf of the Commission. County Librarian Fuller offered to write a draft of the letter and provide more background information on S2395. Commissioner Keeshen stated Legislators do consider and weigh the letters they receive on various issues. She stated a heart-felt letter by one constituent had perhaps more influence with Legislators rather than a form letter submitted by many people.

Commissioner Boyne motioned to request County Librarian Fuller draft a letter on behalf of the Library Commission on both pieces of legislation: 1) S2395 - Anti-Counterfeit; and 2) Database Protection. Chair Stanaway to review and approve letter. Commissioner Dillman seconded the motion but suggested an amendment to the motion, suggesting that City staff research the Policy of the City of Morgan Hill regarding the Library Commission's ability to write letters directly to legislators. Motion Approved (7:0.)

Commissioner Salzano stated the Library Commission historically had concerned itself with local issues and this was the first time she was aware the Commission wanted to address a federal issue.

6. JAMES BOYS' RANCH LIBRARY PROJECT

Recommended Action: Council Member Tate and County Librarian Fuller to provide background on project to develop a library at the James Boys' Ranch.

County Librarian Fuller provided brief explanation of the seeds of this project. Nancy Howe, the librarian in charge of providing services to isolated communities, approached the Probation Department regarding library services to youth incarcerated in the Juvenile Ranch facilities. The Probation Department directed her to the James Boys Ranch and indicated they had a need for library services as well as funding for an academic program for GED preparation. County Librarian Fuller then approached the Rotary Club to solicit its support. Council Member Steve Tate agreed to take a leadership role as a Rotarian and approached the Rotary Club of Gilroy for support too. The Rotary has secured computers for the Ranch and will raise funds to purchase books for the library and materials for the GED program. County Librarian Fuller suggested the Morgan Hill Library Commission could take a leadership role in establishing this project by contacting other Commissions since this is a county-wide project. County Librarian Fuller the project was still in the conceptual stage but, the assistance of the Library Commission would be greatly appreciated. Several Commissioners suggested alternative resources for books such as Friends of the Library and Book Clubs. The Vision Literacy Program was mentioned as a source for tutors, but County Librarian Fuller responded that program is intended for adults, not youth under the age of 18.

Commissioner Salzano stated she would be interested in working on this project and agreed to represent the

Commission at meetings. Council Member Tate announced the next meeting would be September 30 at 1:30 at the James Boys' Ranch.

7. **CALIFORNIA LIBRARY CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 15-18, SACRAMENTO, CA**
Recommended Action: Library Commission to discuss representation at the California Library Association conference.

Commissioner Boyne stated he would be interested in attending a one-day institute offered at the conference. Chair Stanaway asked if there was anyone interested in attending in the conference on behalf of the Library Commission. Commissioner Anderson stated he would like to attend some portion of the conference but would have to check his calendar. County Librarian Fuller announced there would be representation from the County Library System at the conference. She suggested the Trustee's Day might be of interest to Library Commission. Chair Stanaway asked Recreation Manager Spier if there was funding for Commissioners to attend the conference. Recreation Manager Spier responded she believed there was funding. Chair Stanaway suggested this issue be on the agenda for the October meeting to determine who will attend and determine the funding available.

8. **TASTE OF MORGAN HILL, SEPTEMBER 28 & 29, 2002**
Recommended Action: Information Only. Staff to provide information on Library display in partnership with the City of Morgan Hill's display at the Taste of Morgan Hill.

The Friends of the Library will serve as volunteers on September 28 and 29 at the Taste of Morgan Hill in the City of Morgan Hill's Library display. The display will feature information on library services, Friends of the Morgan Hill Library and the Book Club. There will also be information on the Proposition 14 grant submitted by the City of Morgan Hill. Commissioner Nale indicated he would be interested in serving as a volunteer during that event.

9. **MEETING DATES FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2002 MEETING**
Recommended Action: Action Item. Library Commission to select alternative meeting dates for October 14 November 11.

Chair Stanaway stated the alternative meeting dates were already determined due to the holidays that fall on the second Monday of both October and November. The alternative meeting dates were Monday October 7 and Monday November 4. Commissioner Nale motioned to formally change the meeting dates for October and November to October 7 and November 4. Commissioner Boyne seconded the motion. Motion approved (7:0.)

10. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TRAINING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2002**
Recommended Action: Information Only. Staff to provide information on training for members of City of Morgan Hill Boards and Commissions on Saturday, September 21, 2002 from 8:30 to 12:30.

Staff Balagso announced the City of Morgan Hill will hold a leadership training forum for members of Boards and Commissions on September 21. All members of Boards and Commissions are encouraged to attend. The time noted in the agenda is a tentative time. Staff Balagso will notify members of the Library Commission of the official time when it is determined by the City Manager's office.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

9. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2002**

____ Commissioner Dillman motioned to accept the minutes of August 12, 2002. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Motion approved (7:0.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recreation Manager Spier announced she toured the Rhonert Park Library designed by Noll & Tam Architects. She asked if the Commission would like to plan a trip to tour the Library. Commissioner Anderson stated he would be in Rohnert Park on September 21 and would like to tour the Library on that day if possible. City staff will check with Noll & Tam to see if that is possible.

Council Member Steve Tate announced there will be a fund raising Pancake Breakfast for the Upward Bound Program on 9/12/02. Donation is \$10. The breakfast will be held at Rebekah Children's Home in Gilroy.

Commissioner Boyne announced he had material on the Mervyn's Reading Program. Library services in Spanish are available on the Internet 24 hours a day.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: **Purpose:** Commissioners and staff to recommend items to be placed on the agenda.

_____ Sunday Hours
_____ School District Demographics
_____ Strategies to Obtain Corporate Support for Library
_____ Evaluation of Technology and Technological Services Provided by Library
_____ Library of the Future
_____ CA Library Association November 15-18 in Sacramento— September

ADJOURNMENT To the October 7, 2002 Library Commission Meeting.